

C-17 partners

204th stands with 535th

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The 204th Airlift Squadron is equipped with C-130 H2/H3 Hercules tactical aircraft, but when the last C-130 departs from Hickam they'll be operating a much larger aircraft.

As part of Hickam's total force, this Guard unit is presently converting into a C-17 associate unit to its active duty counterpart, the 535th Airlift Squadron.

All crewmembers of the 204th AS went to Altus Air Force Base, Okla., where all C-17 training is done for pilots and loadmasters.

"Our crew still has training they have to do," said Lt. Col. Stephen Su'a-Filo, 204th AS commander. "They will fly to other units on the mainland, Jackson Air Force Base, McChord Air Force Base and go on trips with their units."

This training tactic is what is termed as interfly. This is something the 204th will continue to do to maintain and increase their skill level until Hickam's first C-17 arrives.

"One of the unique things about our unit versus the 535th AS is the 535th already has seasoned C-17 crewmembers coming in here," said Maj. Robert Chow Hoy, 204th AS. "With us all our experience is the C-130. We are trying to learn a new aircraft as well as gain the experience."

"So when the first C-17 does get here we will be able to operate as a stand-alone Guard crew by maintaining



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

Maj. Robert Chow Hoy, 204th Airlift Squadron, flies the simulation weapons system trainer which is modeled

after the C-17. Pilots use this to practice emergency procedures each quarter to keep proficient.

our currency and qualifications," he continued. "Active duty brings the experience to C-17, the thing that we bring is that it is our backyard."

Having the reassurance of it being their backyard, hopefully they'll attain that same comfort level handling the aircraft and their new partnership.

"What's different for us is this is the first time that a

Guard and active duty are working together, which is the first Guard associate unit with active duty, said Colonel Su'a-Filo. "We work side by side in the same building on the same aircraft, with the same mission. We work and fly together to get the mission accomplished."

Essentially their mission has not changed since converting from a C-130 to a C-

17 unit.

"The mission of the squadron is similar to the 535th AS," said Colonel Su'a-Filo. "We provide global airlift support worldwide and to the state of Hawaii, because we are a Guard unit. We provide fully qualified aircrews to augment in any contingency or whatever we may be called up to do."

"It is truly an experience

and every mission is different, said Senior Airman Randy Yamada, 204th AS. "It is amazing that I'm capable of doing something like this. There is so much you can learn."

Airman Yamada's novelty coincides with the C-17 being one of the most advanced military airlifters in the world today.

"The C-17 airplane is new

to us," said Colonel Su'a-Filo. "However, what the 204th brings to this C-17 squadron is stability. Yes, we are not experienced in the airplane, but you come back in five years we're going to have the experience. We've already established ourselves as an outstanding unit."

Even though the 204th works side by side with an active-duty unit and operationally they are unified to get the mission done, the 204th falls administratively by the state while active duty falls under the Federal government.

"I think as long as you have Guard being state, you will always have a separation," said Colonel Su'a-Filo. "From my perspective it is going well. If there are any issues we sit down and talk. We meet once a week to go over building issues. If we have issues, we try to work them out side-by-side or we run them up the chain of command."

"So far everything that I have seen has been very positive," he continued. "At least on a day-to-day basis on the squadron level their leadership has been very helpful and very supportive of the things that have come our way. I think we've been very supportive on our side also."

In a time where resources need to be managed creatively, budgets might be cut and the demand for defense and security are constantly on the rise, it appears that the combined relationship of active duty and Guard seems to be an indispensable future trend.

15th MOS 100 percent for first C-17 arrival

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As part of Hickam's new future total force, the 15th Maintenance Operations Squadron resides in the Consolidated Maintenance Complex.

Falling under the newly formed 15th Maintenance Group, the 15th MOS was officially activated June 23, asserting an overall mission of airlift throughout the Pacific.

As well as preparing for the arrival of the C-17's, executing their mission includes effectively integrating active duty, Air National Guard, civilians and Boeing representatives, all a part of the 15th MOS.

"There is no other organization like this anywhere in the Air Force or anywhere in the country," said Col. Larry Stephens, 15th MXG. "It is a whole new concept. Literally 40 percent of the 15th MXG is Hawaii Air National Guard."

Their innovative partnership combines experience, effort and resource availability within this newly developing team as they await the first C-17.

"The biggest change for Hickam with the C-17 is realizing that there is actually a maintenance function," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Moore, 15th MOS. "That is Colonel Stevens' goal to make sure that everyone is aware that there is a maintenance group out there now."

The newly merged maintenance group established their procedures and methods by visiting other Air Force

bases. Data was compiled on how other bases organized their maintenance groups.

"All of this is tedious, because normally when you come to a base its all there," said Sergeant Moore. "Now, we are starting from scratch. We are using Charleston Air Force Base, McChord Air Force Base, and McGuire Air Force Base by obtaining information they have and merging it all into one, to where it will work here at Hickam."

Using all the information that was compiled from the different Air Force bases, the new maintenance unit outlined the best of that information in preparation for the C-17.

"We stood up earlier this summer," said Sergeant Moore. "We are looking very good at being 100 percent for aircraft. Utilizing all of our programs, policies, procedures, personnel and training, we're all gearing up for the first aircraft arrival sometime in February."

Recently they geared up for the loaner C-17's that arrived in December for the 15th MOS to practice and correct any foreseeable errors.

"Practicing on the loaner C-17's, we were able to see what we need to improve upon," said Sergeant Moore.

Prior to the arrival of the loaner aircraft more than 290 people in the MOS were sent out to mainland schools on other bases to ascertain C-17 qualification.

"They stayed down there for months and came back qualified people," said

Sergeant Moore. "Now we just need to make sure and sign them off on their final qualifications form."

Trials, tribulations, and training aside, this partnership sets an unfamiliar precedence and is an extensive investment in Hickam's future.

"This is the first time there has ever been a mix like this of active duty and Guard," said Sergeant Moore. "The main obstacle to overcome is the differences between the active duty and the Guard. From the start I think we've pushed the molding of togetherness, requiring each office to have a Guard person and an active duty person."

Combining Guard and active duty will not be easy, since each branch has different protocols for operations. Their hope is this new total force of unified active duty and Guard is undetectable out on the flight line.

"It will be transparent on the flight line," said Sergeant Moore. "You will not know the difference, regardless of the paperwork procedures that Guard has to do differently from active duty. We will be one happy family."

A happy hustling family once all the C-17's arrive here on Hickam.

"This is probably going to be the busiest airlift mission in the whole Pacific, because of its strategic location," concluded Sergeant Moore. "Everyone knows that Hickam is the halfway point between the mainland and the rest of the Pacific."



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

Staff Sgt. Stanley Price and Tech. Sgt. Michael Evans, 15th Maintenance Operations Squadron unit deployment managers, review mobility records.

AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297
CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.

In The Mix– When an African-American man accidentally saves a mob boss’s life, his reward is a job protecting the don’s daughter. Complications arise when the two begin to fall in love. Starring Usher Raymond, and Emmanuelle Chriqui. Rated PG-13 – for sexual content, violence and language.

Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Ice Harvest – In icebound Wichita, Kansas, it’s Christmas Eve, and this year Charlie Arglist just might have something to celebrate. Charlie, an attorney for the sleazy businesses of Wichita, and his unsavory associate, the steely Vic Cavanaugh have just successfully embezzled \$2 million from Kansas City boss Bill Guerrard. But the real prize for Charlie is the stunning Renata, who runs the Sweet Cage strip club. Starring John Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton. Rated R for violence, language and sexuality/nudity.

Thursday at 7 p.m.

Syriana – Robert, a 21-year veteran of the CIA, spent his entire career investigating terrorist around the globe. As the dangers of terrorism increased, he watched as the CIA’s funding was cut, politics overtook judgement, and warning signs were ignored. But the struggle becomes personal when an oil executive and his wife are faced with a family tragedy. Starring. George Clooney and Matt Damon. Rated R for violence and language.



In The Mix



Ice Harvest



Syriana

Crossword Puzzle: Civil Rights Pioneers

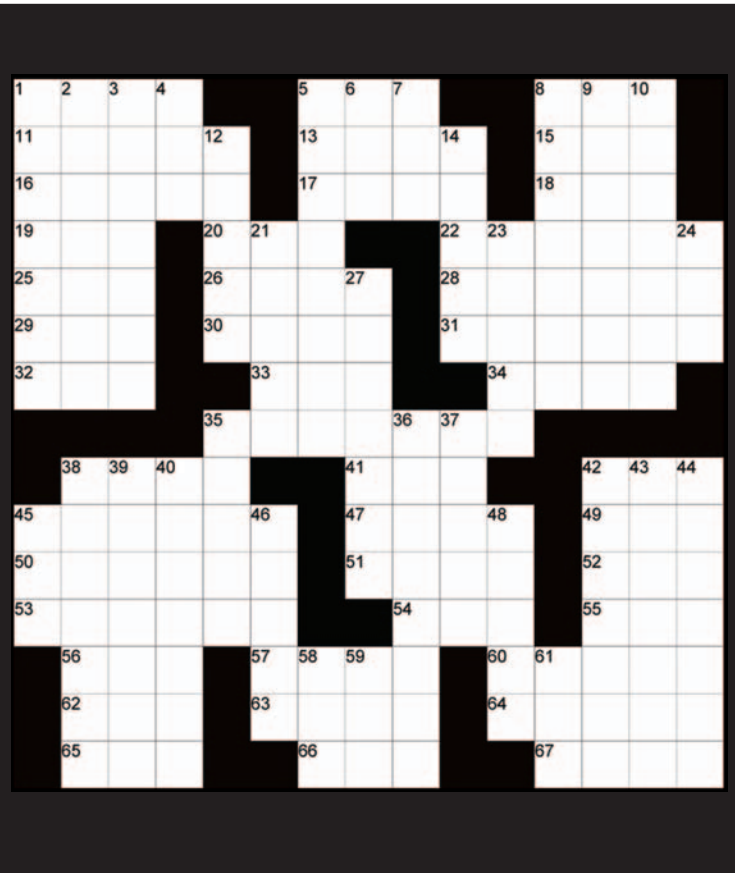
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- ACROSS**
- 1. Pyramid scheme
 - 5. ____-o-war
 - 8. Command chief’s office symbol
 - 11. Palpitate
 - 13. First man
 - 15. Triumphant expression
 - 16. More scarce
 - 17. By heart
 - 18. Wall Street offering, sometimes
 - 19. Federal org. concerned with ecology
 - 20. Sydney’s time zone (GMT+1000), in brief
 - 22. Elmendorf AFB’s state
 - 25. May is dedicated to honor these people, in brief
 - 26. Pain
 - 28. Tooth part
 - 29. Russian made jet
 - 30. Genghis or Kublai
 - 31. Thai currency
 - 32. Rep.’s counterpart
 - 33. Ancient
 - 34. Most famous advocate for African-American equality
 - 35. Balusters
 - 38. Whip
 - 41. Michael Collins actor Stephen

- 42. Win a Date with ___ Hamilton!
- 45. Portable computer
- 47. Sea birds
- 49. Inventor Whitney
- 50. Discovery cry
- 51. Car damage
- 52. Scrap of cloth
- 53. Someone who can’t keep hands off another
- 54. Color
- 55. Baseball stat
- 56. Endurance drug in the news, in brief
- 57. New Zealand bird
- 60. Wrinkle
- 62. Yankee great Gehrig
- 63. Opening
- 64. Civil rights marchers attacked here on “Bloody Sunday”
- 65. Concorde jets, in brief
- 66. Former ACC commander, ac ing CSAF
- 67. Israeli airline

- DOWN**
- 1. Flows
 - 2. Nickname Tuskegee Airman 1st African-American 4-star general
 - 3. Charge
 - 4. A stooge
 - 5. NAACP lawyer who argued Brown vs. Board of Education
 - 6. Commotion

- 7. Turner who organized famous 1831 slave revolts
- 8. Dry red table wine
- 9. Nautical weight-hoisting device
- 10. Chemical agent which attack lung tissue
- 12. Rupture
- 14. Fields
- 21. Gesundheit precipitator
- 23. Seeps
- 24. USAF component
- 27. Suffered
- 35. Suffocate
- 36. Civil rights leader who enrolled/started integration at Univ. of Mississippi
- 37. Au pair
- 38. Wreaths of honor
- 39. By the way; incidentally
- 40. Move away from
- 42. Civil rights activist to be 1st African-American woman on DC education board
- 43. State considered “birthplace” of civil rights movement
- 44. Clock type
- 45. Appendage
- 46. Civil rights activist who refused to yield bus seat
- 48. Walks
- 58. Sick
- 59. Court
- 61. Confederate general



Team Hickam
History
The Air Force’s most
historic airfield

Jan. 23, 1942 – The 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter) was assigned to Interceptor (later, VII Fighter) Command.

Jan. 25, 1943 – Six B-24Ds of the 307th Bombardment Group (Midway) carry out a photo reconnaissance mission over Wake Island and drop 60 bombs. One confirmed Zero shot down.

Jan. 26, 1943 – The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (then-25th Observation Squadron) was stationed at Esler Field, Louisiana.

Jan. 22, 1945 – The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (then-25th Liaison Squadron) was stationed at Del Monte,

Mindanao.
Jan. 23, 1966 – Military Airlift Command completes Operation Blue Light, the airlift of the Army’s 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, from Hickam to Pleiku, South Vietnam, to offset the buildup of Communist forces there. The airlift begins on Dec. 23, 1965, and its 231 C-141 sorties move approximately 3,000 troops and 4,700 tons of equipment. Until Operation Desert Storm, it counted as the largest combat zone airlift in history.

Jan. 20, 1972 – The last of Hickam’s “Gooney Birds,” C-47 aircraft No. 404, departed for Taiwan after a 14-1/2 year stay at Hickam AFB. Upon arrival at Taiwan, the aircraft was to be remodified, overhauled, and turned over to the Government of Indonesia as part of the Military Assistance Program.

Jan. 24, 1984 – From 24-27 January, 1985, Hickam response forces were on standby during the STS-51C classified mission of the space shuttle Discovery, with Hawaii-born astronaut Ellison Onizuka aboard.

Jan. 22, 1986 – A new library opened at Bellows in a modular-type facility built at cost of \$396,136.


Jan. 26, 1996 – Brig Gen Dwight M. Kealoha relinquished command of the 15 ABW to Colonel Bruce A. Brown.

Jan. 21, 2000 – Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste discussed Air Force issues with Hickam AFB personnel while visiting here.

Jan. 22, 2002 – From 16 to 22 January 2002, eleven different units from a variety of military branches, including 25ASOS, A-10 and C-130 ANG squadrons, conduct the Patriot Thunder exercise, a joint exercise that requires planning, coordination, and execution of close air support operations.

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would like to see in Kukini.
Team Hickam members
can submit letters to the
editor to:



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Sports Shorts

Sports writers

The Kukini needs sports writers. People who enjoy watching sports and know the game are encouraged to call Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman at 449-6662 or email her at sarah.kinsman@hickam.af.mil to volunteer to cover a game.

The volunteers must be available to cover intramural sports on nights and weekends.

Bowling tournament

A youth bowling tournament is scheduled for Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hickam Bowling Center.

The cost is \$1.25 per game with free shoe rental. Awards will be given for high game and series in age divisions. Top participants will compete at the Air Force level for additional awards.

For more information or to register, call youth sports at 448-4492 or the bowling center at 448-2702.

Fitness resolution 2006

Join the Hickam Fitness Center staff from through Saturday for a variety of fitness events.

Free body fat testing will be offered daily from 3 to 5 p.m. A 5K fun run/walk is Saturday at 8 a.m.

There will also be a Funktastic aerobathon at 9 a.m. Saturday featuring hip hop, kickboxing and stop. For more information, call 448-2214.

Step Aerobics certification

An Aerobics and Fitness Association of America Step Aerobics Certification be earned Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$229.

Get all the training needed or brush up on fitness skills with a skills and choreography training Feb. 4. The cost is \$129. All U.S. ID card holders will receive 25 percent off registration fees. To register or for more information, call 448-2214.

Heart Month

February is American Heart Month. The fitness center is offering 75 minute spinning classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. throughout the month of February.

Personal training

Start the year off right with a boost to a fitness program by having a personal trainer. The cost is \$30 per session, \$85 for three sessions, \$162 for six sessions or \$250 for 10 sessions. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 448-2214.

Message therapy

The Hickam Fitness Center offers massage therapy services including Swedish, rehabilitative, hot stone, lomi lomi, deep tissue massage and more. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 448-2214.

Defense

Ladies learn to fight back



(Above) Donna Smolinski fends off an attack by Mr. Cotter with a useful defensive combination of blocks and blows.

(Below) Rochelle Smolinski (in red) and her sister Darcie practice some self defense techniques.



Photos by Mark Bates

Kathryn Allen attempts to bend the arm of Timothy Cotter in a demonstration of ki during the self defense seminar here Saturday.

Hickam Hurricanes compete at State



(Left) Jacob Glasgow, Hickam Hurricanes, swims during the state competition.

(Below) Amber Fuller, Hurricanes, swims during the state competition.

The Hickam Hurricanes swim club participated in the short course state meet in December on Maui. Josh Couillard and Caitlin Sala both broke team records with Sala earning her first zone time in the 50 back and her second zone time in the 50 fly. Sala also set new team records in the 100 free and the 100 fly. Couillard also made team record time in the 50 free. The next meet will be in the Spring on Oahu. Swimmers interested in joining the club should come to practice which is held every day at 4:30 p.m.

Courtesy photos





Tailgate Sales

A tailgate sales is Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Burger King parking lot. End stalls are \$11; all other stalls are \$8. To reserve a stall, call the community center at 449-2361.

Boogie Board Lessons

Boogie boarding lessons are on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of \$30/person includes transportation, two guides and boogie board rental. The location will be determined on the morning of the lesson depending on wave conditions. Bring swimsuit, towel, water, lunch, sun-

screen and strap fins. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449-5215.

Golf on Lanai

Join Information, Tickets and Travel Thursday for golf on the Lana'i. The cost of \$325 and up includes roundtrip airfare on a private jet and a round of golf at either Manele Bay or Koele Lodge. Call Information, Tickets and Travel at 448-2295.

Open Water Kayaking to Chinaman's Hat

Enjoy open water kayaking on Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of \$40 per person includes rental

equipment, two guides and transportation. Bring water, lunch and sunscreen. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449-5215.

“Where’s the Menehune?” Clue #2:

Find the Menehune based on the clues and win a prize.

Week 1 clue: Played through in the movie Bat-21.

Week 2 clue: Larger of the two on Hickam.

Week 3 clue: It’s where the pros shop.

48th Annual Hickam Carnival

It’s time to get ready for the 48th Annual Hickam Carnival. Carnival dates are Feb. 17, 5 to 11:30 p.m., Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Feb. 19, noon to 10 p.m. The carnival will be held in Earhart Village at Area 61. Pre-event tickets are on sale Feb. 6 to 16 at Services facilities and the BX and commissary.

Proceeds help support the community center and youth programs. Enjoy live entertainment and thrilling rides. Prize drawings include a \$1,000 travel voucher good for anywhere and anytime, a portable DVD player and an Ocean Adventure package. For more information, call the community center at 449-2361.

Craft Techniques Night

Come on down to the arts and crafts center for craft techniques night Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a family event. For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 449-1568.

Officers’ Club dinner Theater - “Cats”

Reserve a space now for dinner and a night at the theater with the officers’ club Feb. 25. The cost of \$50 per person includes a three-course dinner, and transportation to and from the production.



SOLUTIONS, From B4

Crossword puzzle solutions grid with words like SCAM, MAN, CCC, THROB, ADAM, HAH, RARER, ROTE, IPO, EPA, EAS, ALASKA, API, ACHE, DENTIN, MIG, KHAN, SATANG, SEN, OLD, KING, COLUMNS, LASH, REA, TAD, LAPTOP, ERNS, ELI, EUREKA, DENT, RAG, GROPER, DYE, RBI, EPO, KIWI, PLEAT, LOU, SLOT, SELMA, SST, LOH, ELAL.

CHAPEL

Editor’s note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT	JEWISH	CATHOLIC	ISLAMIC	BUDDHIST
Nelles Chapel	Aloha Jewish Chapel,	Nelles Chapel	Friday Congregational	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
Sunday Contemporary	Pearl Harbor	Weekday Mass	Service	Betsuin A Shin
Service 8:30 a.m.	473-0050	11:30 a.m.	(1935 Aleo Place,	Buddhist Temple
Sunday Gospel Worship	Jewish Lay Leader	Saturday Confessions	Punahou)	536-7044
11:15 a.m.	Mr. David Bender	4:15 p.m.	1 p.m.	
Sunday Praise Gathering	527-5877	Saturday Mass 5 p.m.	Muslim Association	ORTHODOX
5:30 p.m.	Naval Station Chapel	Chapel Center	of Hawaii	For more information,
Chapel Center	473-3971	Sunday Mass 10 a.m.	947-6263	call 438-6687
Sunday Traditional				
8:30 a.m.				